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REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending. Claims 1-51 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-51 of U.S. Patent No. 6,486,431. The Office action indicates that the Terminal Disclaimer filed by Applicants on February 18, 2004 is defective because of an incorrectly listed date. Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome by the enclosed corrected Terminal Disclaimer. The requisite fee for the Terminal Disclaimer was enclosed with the February 18, 2004 filing. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no additional fee is due. In the event any fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

Further, Applicants have not yet received initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms submitted on January 9, 2004 and May 13, 2004. Applicants submit that the required documents were timely and properly submitted to the PTO in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. Applicant hereby requests an initialed copy of each of the PTO-1449 forms previously submitted on January 9, 2004 and May 13, 2004 in connection with this application.

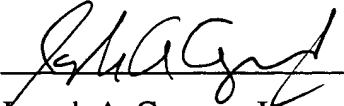
CONCLUSION

In view of all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection and objection, and allowance of claims 1-51.

Respectfully submitted,

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